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In re application of: Brosnan et al.

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COMMUNICATIONS IN A GAMING
NETWORK

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OF LITIGATION UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.59, 1.97 and 1.178**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.178, and MPEP § 2001.06(c), Applicant respectfully submits the following Information Disclosure Statement and Notice of Litigation for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

NOTICE OF LITIGATION

U.S. Patent No. 6,6682,423 is presently being asserted in a litigation proceedings.

This litigation is fashioned as:

Plaintiff: IGT

Defendants: Alliance Gaming Corp., Bally Gaming International, Inc., and Bally Gaming, Inc., d/b/a Bally Gaming and Systems

This case is pending in the District of Nevada.

The case number is CV-S-04-1676-RCJ-(RJJ).

This case is currently Active.

The MPEP states,

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Where the subject matter for which a patent is being sought is or has been involved in litigation, the existence of such litigation and any other material information arising therefrom must be brought to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Examples of such material information include evidence of possible prior public use or sales, questions of inventorship, prior art, allegations of "fraud," "inequitable conduct," and "violation of duty of disclosure." Another example of such material information is any assertion that is made during litigation which is contradictory to assertions made to the examiner. *Environ Prods., Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc.*, 43 USPQ2d 1288, 1291 (E.D. Pa. 1997). Such information might arise during litigation in, for example, pleadings, admissions, discovery including interrogatories, depositions, and other documents and testimony.

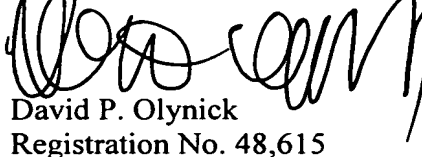
The above referenced patent application shares subject matter with U.S. patent 6,712,698 via common elements in their respective specifications. Because of the overlap in the specifications, Applicant believes it is possible that information material to the present application may arise in the course of the above referenced litigation proceeding. Thus, the purpose of this disclosure is to bring to the attention of the USPTO the existence of the litigation proceeding so that the Examiner in the present application can make an independent inquiry into the litigation if the Examiner deems it necessary. It is Applicants intent to disclose any material information that may arise in the future from the disclosed litigation proceedings.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if it is determined that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388

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